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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

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- 1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PREFERABLE THAT GOC FOLLOW-UP DIRECTLY WITH IRAN ON BASIS ITS OWN BEST JUDGMENT ON HOW TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS POSED BY IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS.
- 2. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE TRANSFER BY IRAN, WE BELIEVE IRAN MAY BE POSITIVELY INCLINED TO ASSIST CHAD BUT WE ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO NATURE OF ANY ASSISTANCE IT MIGHT BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE. APART FROM AVAILABILITIES OUT OF ITS OWN INVENTORY, IRAN WOULD ALSO HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ABILITY OF GOC FORCES TO ABSORB AND OPERATE ANY EQUIPMENT IRAN MIGHT BE PREPARED TO TRANSFER. CONFIDENTIAL

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WE ESTIMATE POSSIBILITY OF HELICOPTER TRANSFER AS VERY LOW BECAUSE OF PROBABLE RELUCTANCE OF SHAH TO INVOLVE IRANIAN PERSONNEL IN CHADIAN INSURGENCY AND UNAVAILABILITY OF CHADIAN PILOTS AND CREWS.

3. ASIDE FROM POSSIBLE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER, GOC MIGHT

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR IRANIAN FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF ITS PRIORITY EQUIPMENT NEEDS.

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